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1. Integration of economic, social and environmental objectives

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraph 17 and subparagraph 18 (b) of section C.1 of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-19/14-E/1997/60, chapter I.B) at its ____ meeting on __ June 1997.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendment and recommended the paragraph to the special session for adoption.

(a) Paragraph 17 was revised to read:

"Economic development, social development and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development. Sustained economic growth is essential to the economic and social development of all countries, in particular developing countries. Through such growth which should be broadly based so as to benefit all people, countries will be able to improve the standards of living of their people through the eradication of poverty, hunger, disease and illiteracy and the provision of adequate shelter and secure employment for all, and the preservation of the integrity of the environment. Growth can foster development only if its benefits are fully shared. It must therefore also be guided by equity, justice and social and environmental considerations. Development, in turn, must involve measures that improve the human

condition and the quality of life itself. Democracy, respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, transparent and accountable governance in all sectors of society, as well as effective participation by civil society, are also an essential part of the necessary foundations for the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development."

(b) In subparagraph 18 (b) the brackets were deleted and the words "indigenous people[s]" replaced by "indigenous people and their communities".

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2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraph to the special session for adoption.

(a) Subparagraph 18 (c) was revised to read:

"The implementation of policies aiming at sustainable development, including those contained in Chapter 3 (combating poverty) and in Chapter 29 (strengthening the role of workers and their trade unions) of Agenda 21, may enhance the opportunities for job creation, thus helping to achieve the fundamental goal of eradicating poverty."

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